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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesd y, the 10th November 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Grade I Hindi Pandits

*161. Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to restrict the appointment of Grade I Hindi Pandits in Secondary Schools ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Are the Government aware, Sir, that in the District Board Secondary Schools, though there are Hindi Pandits possessing the prescribed qualifications and having the necessary workload, they are not still put on the First Grade scale because the post is not created there ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is provision, Sir, for Second Grade Pandits also, and so long as there is the availability of Second Grade Pandits and there is provision for second grade pandits only, there is no need to create first grade posts.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : May I point out, Sir, that the pandit is qualified for the first grade, and there is exclusive work in High School forms. Do not the Government think that it is fair that he is given the scale for which he is eligible?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the point is, whether there is necessarily need for the First Grade pandit for this teaching.

Central grant for Scholarships for study of Sanskrit

*162 Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any grant is given by the Government of India for the award of scholarships for proficiency in the study of Sanskrit to students in the Secondary Schools in this State ; and